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1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2009;
1-4 May 1, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
1-5 Affairs and Military Installations; May 8, 2009, reported
1-6 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 8, 2009, sent
1-7 to printer.)

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to discount programs for certain veterans provided by toll
1-11 project entities.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Chapter 371, Transportation Code, as added by
1-14 Chapters 103 (H.B. 570) and 258 (S.B. 11), Acts of the 80th
1-15 Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is reenacted, redesignated as
1-16 Chapter 372, Transportation Code, and amended to read as follows:

1-17 CHAPTER 372 [~~371~~]. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF
1-18 TOLL PROJECT

1-19 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1-20 Sec. 372.001 [~~371.001~~]. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

1-21 (1) "Toll project" means a toll project described by
1-22 Section 201.001(b), regardless of whether the toll project:

1-23 (A) is a part of the state highway system; or

1-24 (B) is subject to the jurisdiction of the
1-25 department.

1-26 (2) "Toll project entity" means an entity authorized
1-27 by law to acquire, design, construct, finance, operate, and
1-28 maintain a toll project, including:

1-29 (A) the department under Chapter 227 or 228;

1-30 (B) a regional tollway authority under Chapter
1-31 366;

1-32 (C) a regional mobility authority under Chapter
1-33 370; or

1-34 (D) a county under Chapter 284.

1-35 SUBCHAPTER B. TOLL PROJECT OPERATION

1-36 Sec. 372.051 [~~371.051~~]. USE OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION
1-37 OR LICENSE PLATE INFORMATION. (a) A toll project entity may not
1-38 use motor vehicle registration or other information derived from a
1-39 license plate on a vehicle using a toll project, including
1-40 information obtained by the use of automated enforcement technology
1-41 described by Section 228.058, for purposes other than those related
1-42 to:

1-43 (1) toll collection and toll collection enforcement;
1-44 and

1-45 (2) law enforcement purposes on request by a law
1-46 enforcement agency[~~, subject to Section 228.058(d)~~].

1-47 (b) If a toll project entity enters into an agreement with
1-48 an entity in another state that involves the exchange of motor
1-49 vehicle registration or license plate information for toll
1-50 collection or toll collection enforcement purposes, the agreement
1-51 must provide that the information may not be used for purposes other
1-52 than those described in Subsection (a).

1-53 Sec. 372.052 [~~371.001~~]. VEHICLES USED BY NONPROFIT
1-54 DISASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS. [~~(a) In this section:~~

1-55 [~~(1) "Toll project" means a toll project described by~~
1-56 ~~Section 201.001(b), regardless of whether the toll project is:~~

1-57 [~~(A) a part of the state highway system; or~~

1-58 [~~(B) subject to the jurisdiction of the~~
1-59 ~~department.~~

1-60 [~~(2) "Toll project entity" means an entity authorized~~
1-61 ~~by law to acquire, design, construct, finance, operate, and~~
1-62 ~~maintain a toll project, including:~~

1-63 [~~(A) the department under Chapter 227 or 228,~~

1-64 [~~(B) a regional tollway authority under Chapter~~

2-1 ~~366,~~
 2-2 [~~(C)~~ ~~a regional mobility authority under Chapter~~
 2-3 ~~370, or~~
 2-4 [~~(D)~~ ~~a county under Chapter 284.~~
 2-5 [~~(b)~~] A toll project entity may not require a vehicle
 2-6 registered under Section 502.203 to pay a toll for the use of a toll
 2-7 project.
 2-8 Sec. 372.053. VETERAN DISCOUNT PROGRAM. (a) A toll project
 2-9 entity may establish a discount program for electronic toll
 2-10 collection customers. The program must include free or discounted
 2-11 use of the entity's toll project by an electronic toll collection
 2-12 customer whose account relates to a vehicle registered:
 2-13 (1) under Section 504.202;
 2-14 (2) under Section 504.315(g); or
 2-15 (3) by a person who has received the Medal of Honor.
 2-16 (b) The legislature may appropriate funds from the general
 2-17 revenue fund to a toll project entity to defray the cost of
 2-18 providing free or discounted use of the entity's toll project under
 2-19 this section.
 2-20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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